

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 26

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*In Senate, Jan. 24, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Wood of Hancock.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to amend Section ten of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to stenographers of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section ten of chapter one hundred seventeen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words  
3 "fifteen hundred" in the second line thereof and inserting  
4 in place thereof the words 'twenty-four hundred' so that  
5 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. Stenographers appointed by the justices of the  
2 supreme judicial court shall receive annual salaries of twen-

3 ty-four hundred dollars each, in full for all services for-  
4 merly chargeable to the counties. They shall also receive  
5 from the county in which the court is held, their expenses  
6 when in attendance upon court away from their places of  
7 residence, but not otherwise; a detailed statement of such  
8 expenses, actually and reasonably incurred shall be approved  
9 by the presiding justice.'

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The present salaries of the stenographers of the supreme judicial court of Maine were established in 1901. While at that time the salary was a fair compensation, under present conditions it is insufficient. Furthermore, the work has not only increased in amount since 1901, but it requires greater stenographic proficiency.

For the above reasons this increase is unanimously asked for by the stenographers of the supreme judicial court of Maine.